

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
COLUMBIA BOARD OF SELECTMEN
Tuesday, August 7, 2018 – 7 pm
Adella G. Urban Administrative Offices Conference Room
323 Route 87, Columbia, CT

Members Present: Deputy Selectman, Robert Hellstrom; Selectman, William O'Brien; Selectman, Robert Bogue; Selectman, Lisa Napolitano.

Members Missing: First Selectman, Steven M. Everett.

Also Present: Town Administrator, Mark Walter; Ann Dunnack, Mary Roickle, Columbia Lake Association, *The Chronicle Reporter*, Michelle Firestone.

CALL TO ORDER: R. Hellstrom called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

1. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
2. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** R. Hellstrom MOVED to approve the Agenda. MOTION CARRIED 4.0.
3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**
 - 3.1 BOS Regular Meeting Minutes for July 24, 2018. R. Bogue MOVED to approve the BOS Regular Meeting Minutes for July 24, 2018. MOTION CARRIED 4.0.
4. **AUDIENCE OF CITIZENS:** Paul Kubala, 37 Lake Rd. stated that there were fireworks on Saturday night, August 4, 2018 and that the smoke was heavy, and the noise was very loud. He feels the authorities should have been notified. R. Hellstrom asked P. Kubala to submit a written complaint to the BOS.

R. Hellstrom stated that he lives on Doubleday Rd., and that the other BOS do not live by the lake and did not know about the fireworks.

M. Roickle stated that the Columbia Lake Association formally and officially withdrew itself from any fireworks and expressed that fireworks are illegal, but that it is not their position to enforce the law.

5. **OLD BUSINESS:** None
6. **NEW BUSINESS:**
 - 6.1 **BOS approval for joint purchase with Columbia Lions Club and installation of POW and State of CT flag poles on the Town Green.** M. Walter explained that we would like to install two flag poles on the Town Green at \$1,200.00 each. The Lions Club at this time committed to \$900.00 for each flag pole. M. Walter stated that he will follow up with the Lions Club to see if they would commit to more than \$900.00. W. O'Brien MOVED to approve the joint purchase for the installation of a POW and state OF CT Flag poles. MOTION CARRIED 4.0.
7. **COLUMBIA LAKE / DAM / BEACH:**
 - 7.1 **Application for Construction of a Structure on or Over Columbia Lake for Mr. Eric Sondergren, 166 Route 87, Columbia, CT – PWC Lifts Application.** M. Walter explained that LMAC reviewed the application and the configuration was denied; however, LMAC did offer other options, but the applicant has not responded. W. O'Brien MOVED to approve the suggested recommendations from LMAC to the applicant, Mr. Eric Sondergren based upon what was set forth at the

June 6, 2018 meeting to put in a PWC Lifts at 166 Route 87, Columbia, CT.
 MOTION CARRIED 4.0

8. APPOINTMENTS / RESIGNATIONS: None.

9. TOWN ADMINISTRATOR REPORT:

- 9.1 Tentative schedule for milling and paving the Town Hall Parking lot.** M. Walter explained that we are trying to reduce the impact on the Town Hall and Library employee's and residents with the scheduling of the milling and paving. We will not be closing Town Hall during the milling but will have to close the Town Hall and Library to the public during paving.
- 9.2 Moody's Investors Services improved rating for Columbia.** M. Walter explained that after being reviewed we have been upgraded back to Aa2. Once finalized M. Walter will email the BOS with the final rating.
- 9.3 Columbia Plaza.** M. Walter explained that Steven Everett, Robert Hellstrom, representing Economic Development, and Mark Walter met with the owner of Columbia Plaza, Mr. Howard Jaffe. Mr. Jaffe brought some ideas as to what he'd like to see go into the plaza and was open to suggestions from the Town as well.
- 9.4 AHM Statistics.** M. Walter provided AHM statistics from 2009 to present. The grant application is pending, and it is anticipated that we will get the grants. L. Napolitano asked did some budgeted items from the school go to AHM. M. Walter explained he did not know and will do some research and get back to the BOS.

10. CORRESPONDENCE:

- 10.1 Thank you letter from Astrid Belanger.**
- 10.2 Eversource conducting grounding tests and structure inspections.** M. Walter explained that Eversource will be working in the town performing ground testing and structure inspections.
- 10.3 Eversource to conduct statewide infrared helicopter inspections.** M. Walter explained that Eversource will be using a helicopter to perform inspections in Columbia.
- 10.4 CRCOG five-year membership benefits FY 2014-2018.** M. Walter explained that Columbia receives \$614,531.00 in benefits and that our dues are \$24,797.00. He explained that a big chunk of this was for the Rte. 6 corridor.
- 10.5 Thank you letter for the donation to the Covenant Soup Kitchen.**

11. BUDGET:

- 12. Transfers.** R. Bogue MOVED to approve the transfers totaling \$9,904.00 made up from the provided list.

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TRANSFER #/AMOUNT	FROM A/C#, DESCRIPTION	TO A/C#, DESCRIPTION
#057 / \$1,230.00 REVISED	10-4112-050/Pension Expense	10-4112-060, Employer 457 Match
#058 / \$1,108.00 REVISED	10-4132-110/Postage	10-4132-010, Salaries - Assessor
#059 / \$1,880.00 REVISED	10-4112/040 Group Insurance	10-4260-010, Salaries - Sr. Center
#059 / \$197.00 REVISED	10-4260-240/Fuel	10-4260-230, Electricity
#062 / \$2,654.00 REVISED	10-4410-011/Salaries-Public Works OT	10-4410-010, Salaries - Public Works
#062 / \$1,602.00 REVISED	10-4410-500/Prof/Tech	10-4410-240, Fuel

#062 / \$62.00 REVISED	10-4410-300/Supplies	10-4410-630, Rental
#066 / \$70.00	10-4420-110/ Postage	10-4420-300, General Supplies
#066 / \$425.00	10-4420-500/Prof/Tech	10-4420-010, Salaries – Waste Disposal
#067 / \$276.00	10-4133-010/Salaries-Tax Collection	10-4133-500, Prof/Tech
#067 / \$400.00	10-4133-710/Professional Improvement	10-4133-500, Prof/Tech

14. MOTION CARRIED 4.0.

Refunds: R. Bogue MOVED to approve the total refunds of \$1,079.69 made up of the provided list.

AMOUNT	FROM	TO
\$59.20	Town of Columbia	Christian Kollegger on behalf of Alexander Kollegger
\$479.47	Town of Columbia	Kristine Nuhfer & Brian Nuhfer
\$19.91	Town of Columbia	Marsha Creese & Ronald Creese
\$20.77	Town of Columbia	Janis Czarnowski
\$20.68	Town of Columbia	Katie Kasica
\$210.29	Town of Columbia	Shane Mathieu
\$9.80	Town of Columbia	James Maynard & Lori Maynard
\$259.57	Town of Columbia	Edward Wendus

MOTION CARRIED 4.0.

15. APPROVE PAYMENT OF BILLS: R. Hellstrom MOVED to approve the payment of bills totaling \$132,230.18 comprised of 2017-2018 Emergency, 2017-2018 Regular, 2018-2019 Emergency, 2018-2019 Regular, Credit Card, and Paycheck. MOTION CARRIED 4.0

16. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS: None

17. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

17.1 Real estate per State Statutes Section 1-200(6)(D); Pending Litigation per State Statutes Section 1-200(6)(B); Personnel per State Statues Section 1-200(6)(A). R. Bogue MOVED to enter into Executive Session at 7:36 pm. with M. Walter present. MOTION CARRIED 4:0. Executive Session ended at 7:53 pm.

18. ADJOURNMENT: R. Hellstrom MOVED to ADJOURN at 7:53 pm and the MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Respectfully Submitted by Jennifer C. LaVoie